

NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting
October 3, 2012 MINUTES
Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Joe De Vito Chair, Richard Dyer, Chris Fortunato, Matt Green, Peter Harrington, Jeff Mace, Ellen Manning, Terence Sack, John Staulo, Robert Staulo, Kirsten Tuohy
Staff: Ruth Hoshino
Guests: Numerous guests who volunteered to be facilitator at Youth Summit 10/11/12
Student Interns

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM and chaired by Joe De Vito.

A vote to accept the minutes of September 5, 2012 was **held until November**.

Business:

The meeting was turned over to Chris Fortunato and Susan Linn to conduct a Facilitator Training for the Youth Summit on 10/11/12.

- Chris Fortunato explained the youth summit:

Mayor Warren is hosting a Youth Summit to help parents and the larger community understand the challenges facing our teens, to have teens authentically express their experiences, and to coalesce as a community to support teens. The Summit will be held from 6 to 9 P.M. on Thursday October 11, 2012 at Oak Hill Middle School, 130 Wheeler Road in Newton. 200 adults and teens are expected to attend. The evening will include hearing from the Mayor, from teens, small group discussion sessions, and an opportunity for all to express their opinion on the most pressing challenges and most significant opportunities for youth in Newton. This is a chance to have a positive impact on the well-being of youth in our city by participating in this community event. Teens and adults are invited and encouraged to attend!

- A staff member from Social Science Research and Evaluation, Inc. (a nonprofit research firm that consults to Newton Public Schools to administer and evaluate the Youth Risk Behavior Survey), presented data. The Newton Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a bi-annual survey that focuses on the major risk behaviors that threaten the health and safety of young people. This data will be used to jumpstart small group discussions at the summit.
- Susan Linn covered the following breakout sessions topics :
 - How the breakout sessions will work – agenda and goals
 - What the sessions topics will be
 - Discussion guidelines
 - Role of the adult and teen facilitators

Gratitude was conveyed to the group of volunteers for their willingness to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. **The next meeting is Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7 PM.**
Respectfully submitted by Ruth Hoshino